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February 27, 2001

Hon. Bill Pryor Attorney General Alabama State House 11 South Union Street Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Re: Municipal action to close local

fertilizer plant as requested by area residents

Dear General Pryor:

The Dothan Board of Commissioners has authorized me to request an Attorney General's Opinion as to the interaction of §18-38 of the City of Dothan Code of Ordinances with <u>Code of Alabama</u> 1975, §§6-5-122 and 127, and the application of these provisions to a fertilizer plant in Dothan.

Section 18-38 of the City of Dothan Code reads as follows:

"(a) if a person shall be found to be operating any business in violation of Chapter 114 or in an illegal manner as to be detrimental to public health, safety or welfare or so as to constitute a muisance, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, in addition, the Board of Commissioners shall have the right to revoke the licensing of such business."

Section 6-5-122 of the <u>Cude of Alabama</u> 1975 authorizes municipalities to commence an action "to abate any public nuisance injurious to the health, morals, comfort, or welfare of the community or any portion thereof." Section 6-5-127 limits the situations in which a "manufacturing or other industrial plant" can be considered a muisance based on changed conditions in or about the locality more than one year after the plant begins operation.

The aforementioned fertilities plant has been in operation for many years, and for much of that time the area in which it was located was rural and contained few residences. Many years after commencement of the plant's operation, however, a number of houses were built nearby, and current occupants are complaining that the operation of the plant is injurious to their health and constitutes a nuisance.

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The Board of Commissioners seeks answers to the following questions:

- (1) Assuming that the plant did not constitute a nuisance when it began operations and any argument that it is presently a nulsance depends on the present proximity of houses, in what manner, if any, closs Section 6-5-127 limit the City's ability to proceed against the plant under either Section 18-38 or Section 6-5-122?
- (2) Assuming that the source of any problem with the plant stems from emission of ammonia, does Section 6-5-122 provide authority for the City of Dothan to require the plant to install ammonia emission monitoring equipment in order to detect evidence of improper or negligent operation?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

P. Lenton White

City Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. A001-52

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the City of Dothan as follows:

Section 1. That City Attorney, F. Lenton White, is hereby authorized and directed to request an Attorney General's opinion as to whether the City of Dothan can legally require Tri-States Plant Food, Inc., to install equipment to monitor airborne emissions.

Associate Commissioner

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS